

January 13, 1992 LB 338, 406

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard Senator Johnson's closing on the advancement of LB 338. We'll now vote on advancement. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We're voting on the advancement of LB 338. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 338.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 338 advances. We'll now go to LB 406.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 406 was a bill introduced by Senators Lamb, Smith, Rod Johnson, Morrissey, Schellpeper, Coordsen and Hartnett. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 17 of last year, at that time referred to the Natural Resources Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending by the Natural Resources Committee, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Rod Johnson, Chair of Natural Resources, for the committee amendments.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, LB 406 was introduced to address a concern that came up about a year ago with the importation of out-of-state solid waste into Nebraska and a general concern that we have no handle on what kind of waste is coming into Nebraska. There was a feeling that possibly we could stop the flow of out-of-state waste to Nebraska. Of course, that is prohibited under the Interstate Commerce Clause, or at least in some case, in other states where they have identified solid waste as part of commerce. So what we've decided to, rather than prohibit the waste from coming into Nebraska, is do a better job of basically, one, providing notice to the state through the transporter, and also notice from the landfill operator so that we know where the waste is going and where it's being stored, and what is in the waste, so we'll do some inspection, an inspection process. Secondly, we'll have permits...permits for the transporter, permits for the landfill operator, again, giving us better tracking of where the waste is coming from and where it's being stored in Nebraska. And, as I said, tracking this whole process. I passed out, for your review, to add to your file, or at least to your information, a summary of the committee amendments. They were rather lengthy, but as I said, they identify principally notice requirements. Before waste can come into Nebraska, notices have to be given to the state. Secondly,